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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

I HAVE admitted KHOO TEONG PAN (邱忠演) as a PARTNER in my Firm of HUN HIN CHAN & Co. of Hongkong from the 1st December, 1886.

KHOO TEONG PON (邱忠演).

Hongkong, May 7, 1886.

### NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the PARTNERSHIP heretofore subsisting between us, the undersigned THOMAS PAYNE, KENNETH DOUGLAS ADAMS and JAMES LYON PLATFIRE SANDERSON as MERCHANTS and GENERAL AGENTS, at Canton, Macao and Foochow, under the Style or Firm of BIRLEY & Co., EXPIRED on the 28th day of February, 1886, by effusion of time. ADDENTS due to and from the late Firm will be Received and paid by the said KENNETH DOUGLAS ADAMS and JAMES LYON PLATFIRE SANDERSON, by whom the BUSINESS will be carried on under the Style or Firm of BIRLEY & CO. at Canton, Macao and Foochow, and in London.

BIRLEY & Co.

Canton, 10th day of May, 1886.

### NOTICE.

We Have This Day authorized Mr. JAMES JARDINE BELL-IRVING to Sign our Firm.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, May 6, 1886.

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BRITISH & CHINESE BANKING COMPANY.

NOTICE.

MR. E. L. WOODIN will assume CHARGE of this Company's BUSINESS at this Agency, during my Absence from Hongkong.

A. MOLYER,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, June 3, 1886.

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BRITISH & CHINESE BANKING COMPANY.

NOTICE.

THE Bank reserves Money on Deposit,

buys and sells Bills of Exchange, Issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

Interest allowed on Deposits:-

Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 "

" 3 " 3 "

On Current Deposit Accounts 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

APPROVED CLAIMS on the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, in Liquidation, or the Balance of such Claims purchased on advantageous terms.

Agency of THE NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

H. A. HERBERT,

Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1886.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000

RESERVE FUND.....\$4,500,000

RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION OF DIVIDENDS.....\$8,500,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS.....\$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—A. MOLYER, Esq.

Deputy Chairman—M. GROTH, Esq.

J. BELL IRVING, Esq.

G. D. BOTTOMEY, Esq.

H. H. M. HUNTINGTON, Esq.

H. L. DALMATION, Esq.

A. P. MOLYER, Esq.

Hon. F. D. SASSON.

Chief Manager.

Hongkong—THOMAS JAMES, Esq.

Acting Chief Manager—JOHN WALTER, Esq.

MANAGER.

Shanghai—EDWARD CLARKSON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS, London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

Current Deposit Account at the rate

of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily

balance.

On Fixed Deposits—

For 3 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BANK DISCOUNTED.

Credit granted on approved Securities,

and every description of Banking and

Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the

chief Commercial places in Europe, India,

Australia, America, China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER,

Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 12, 1886.

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NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will

be conducted by the Hongkong and

Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their

premises in Hongkong. Business hours

on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10

to 1.

2.—Summs less than \$1, or more than \$250

at one time will not be received. No

depositor may deposit more than \$2,500

in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having

\$100 or more at their credit may at

their option transfer the same to the

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-

poration on fixed deposit for 12 months

at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per

annum will be allowed to depositors on

their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis

with a Pass-Book which must be pre-

sented with each payment or with-

drawal. Depositors must not make

any entries themselves in their Pass-

Books but should send them to be

written up at least twice a year about

the beginning of January and begin-

ning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of

the Bank is marked On Hongkong

Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free

by the various British Post Offices in

Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand,

but the personal signature of the

depositor or his duly appointed agent

and the production of his Pass-Book

are necessary.

8.—For the

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking

Corporation.

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# THE CHINA MAIL.

No. 7126—JUNE 5, 1886.

## For Sale.

**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.**  
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,  
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE FOR SALE  
THE FOLLOWING  
**STORES.**

YORK HAMS.  
ROLL BUTTER.  
TOPSOCK BUTTER.  
FRENCH BUTTER.  
EGG COCOA.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.  
PICNIC TONGUES.  
MACKEREL in Sib. Tins.  
RAISINS and CURRANTS.  
Crystallized FRUITS.

SAVORY & MOORE's New Infant FOOD.  
BARNES & Co.'s JAMS.  
Potted MEATS.  
FAIRE DE POIS GRAS.  
Swiss MILK.

BORDEN'S  
CONDENSED MILK.  
COOKING STOVES.  
KEROSENE LAMPS.  
WINES, &c.

GILBEY'S Sparkling SAMUR, Pts. & Qts.  
SACCONE'S MANZANILLA.  
SACCONE'S Old Invalid PORT.  
Old Bourbon WHISKY.  
Burke's Old Irish WHISKY.  
Royal Glendee WHISKY.  
MARSALA.  
&c., &c., &c.

THE USUAL ASSORTMENT  
OF  
**OILMAN'S STORES,**  
at the  
Lowest Possible Prices  
FOR CASH.

**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.**  
Hongkong, February 10, 1886. 280  
FOR SALE.

A THREE-STORIED HOUSE, No. 103,  
situated in Praia Grande, Macao,  
Three Doors East from Hing Kee's Hotel.  
Apply to C. A. OZORIO,  
At the Hongkong Hotel.  
Hongkong, May 31, 1886. 1055

## Notices to Consignees.

UNION LINE.  
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Victoria, Captain COUNDON, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

The Steamer is berthed at the Kowloon Pier and Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on to SHANGHAI, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-Day, the 31st Inst.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 10th June, or they will not be recognized.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 31, 1886. 1060

## STEAMSHIP LAJU.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Laju, Captain MANN, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Steamer will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on to SHANGHAI, unless notice to the contrary be given before 2 p.m. To-Day, the 3rd Instant.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned before the 10th Instant; or they will not be recognized.

GILMAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 3, 1886. 1083

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. ROHAMPTON FROM ANTWERP, BORDEAUX, PENANG, SINGAPORE AND HAIPHONG.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside the Steamer.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. All Claims against the Steamer must be sent in immediately.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 2, 1886. 1083

## Notices to Consignees.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. Taiwan, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Salt-petre and being landed at their risk into Mecca, JARDINE, MATHERSON & Co.'s West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 10th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHERSON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, June 3, 1886. 1000

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

APP (in paral.), 5112, 5113=2 cases Soap, consigned to Order, from London.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, June 4, 1886. 1100

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ABRIU, CARAVI, American barque, Capt. B. C. Pendleton.—Order.

ALLIE ROWE, Hawaiian brig, Captain J. Phillips.—Captain.

ALMA, German barque, Capt. R. Alberts.—Melchers & Co.

CHARLES JONES, American ship, Capt. L. Allen.—Order.

F. H. DREWS, German barque, Capt. A. H. Rothbart.—Captain.

FRED. P. LITTLEFIELD, American barque, Capt. Samuel Bartlett.—Order.

GLOAMING, British ship, Capt. R. F. Denham.—Melchers & Co.

HALLOWEEN, British ship, Captain R. F. Denton.—Russell & Co.

HENRY S. SANFORD, American ship, Capt. G. W. Pendleton.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

JOHN M. BLAIR, British ship, Capt. D. Faulkner.—Melchers & Co.

LOANDA, British ship, Capt. A. J. Scott.—Butterfield & Swaine.

MENMUIR, British steamer, Capt. Helms.—Russell & Co.

ROEHAMPTON, British steamer, Capt. R. Sanderson.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

WANDERING MINSTREL, British barquentine, Capt. Hudson.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

Hongkong, June 5, 1886. 1107

NOTES.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 8th June, 1886, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

AN ASSORTMENT OF

JAPANESEWARE,

comprising—

SATSUMA, KYOTO, KANGA and TOKIO VASES, JARS, BOWLS, PLATES, TEA and COFFEE SETS, ENAMELLED WARE, GOLD and SILVER INLAID BRONZES, PANELS, KAKI, SILK, EMBROIDERIES, EMBROIDERED SCREENS and NYTHOS.

A FEW OLD ARTICLES, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

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## To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL.

SATURDAY, 12th June.

COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT

MISS JULIA STELLA,  
(Late of the MASCOT OPERA  
COMPANY.)

CHRISTY MINSTREL ENTERTAINMENT.

VARIETY CONCERT  
AND  
AN ORIGINAL FARCE,  
entitled

'CAUGHT BY THE CUFF.'

Interlocutor: Mr. F. BRAUNTON. Tambourine: Mr. S. G. BAZLEY.

Musical Director: Mr. W. H. WHITAKER. Singer: CATTEAU.

Accompanist: Mr. S. G. BAZLEY.

Overture: Mr. S. G. BAZLEY.

1. Opening Chorus—'The Quakers,' Mr. W. CALLOWAY.

2. 'Puff, the Magic Dragon,' Mr. J. H. ANDERSON.

3. 'Ballad—Sally Day.'

4. Comic Song—'We're going to ...' Mr. S. G. BAZLEY.

5. 'Bell-Jar Sweet and Low,' Mr. N. D. WILSON.

6. 'Comique Romantique,' Mr. W. CALLOWAY.

Interval of Ten Minutes.

SECOND PART.

Overture: Mr. S. G. BAZLEY.

1. 'Comes a Rose,' Mr. W. CALLOWAY.

2. 'Puff, the Magic Dragon,' Mr. J. H. ANDERSON.

3. 'Song—Remarkably loose,' Mr. J. S. BARNETT.

4. 'Song—We're going to ...' Mr. S. G. BAZLEY.

5. 'Stamp Song—We're going to ...' Mr. S. G. BAZLEY.

6. 'Song—We're going to ...' Mr. S. G. BAZLEY.

7. 'Bell-Jar Sweet and Low,' Mr. N. D. WILSON.

8. 'Comique Romantique,' Mr. W. CALLOWAY.

Interval of Five Minutes.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

ARRIVALS.

JUNE 5, 1886.

MARINA, British steamer, 1,000, do. GADMOR, Wuhi via Chinkiang, May 31, Rice.

SIEMENS & CO.

POKING, British steamer, 954, G. H. HOMERSON, Shanghai June 1, General.

REINER, British steamer, 1,000, do. GADMOR, Hongkong, June 1, General.

SHIEN, British steamer, 1,000, do. GADMOR, Hongkong, June 1, General.

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# THE CHINA MAIL

No. 7126.—JUNE 5, 1886.]

H. E. General Cameron; Mrs Cameron and the three Misses Cameron will leave here to-morrow in the steamer for Japan.

The Agent of the M. M. Co. informs us that the S. S. *Ozus*, with the next French mail, will leave Saigon for this port to-morrow, Sunday, at 4 p.m.

A TELEGRAM TO *Le Salironais*, dated Paris, 27th May, 1886, announces the death of Lieutenant Colonel Herbiger, commander of the French troops when they retreated from Langson.

Dr Ayres will have here to-morrow in the steamer, on three months' holiday. After staying a few days in Japan, he will proceed to San Francisco. During Dr Ayres' absence, Dr Jordan will act as Colonial Surgeon.

The third steamer built by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company for Messrs Ulysse Pila & Co., Tonkin, named the *Muong*, made a successful trial trip to-day. Representatives of Messrs Arnold, Karberg & Co., agents in Hongkong for the owners, were highly pleased with the construction and finish of the vessel and with the satisfactory working of the engines. The steamer attained on the measured mile a speed of 9 knots an hour, half a knot more than the contract speed. The principal dimensions of the vessel are—length between perpendiculars 85 feet, extreme breadth 15 feet, depth moulded 7 feet 6 inches. These steamers that have been constructed by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company for Messrs Ulysse Pila and Co. have each a carrying capacity of 700 piculs and a mean draft of 5 feet. They are each propelled by a pair of compound surface condensing engines of 20 H. P. nominal. They are for service in the inland waters of Tonkin, and from their light draught of water, good carrying capacity and speed they are giving great satisfaction to the owners. The Dock Company have an order pending for other 10 steamers of a somewhat smaller class for the same owners acting on behalf of the Tonkin Government. It will be remembered that the extension of river communication formed a part of the new schemes of the French Government for the development of Tonkin, and it would seem that they are setting about the work with an energy and celerity that under favourable circumstances bid fair to change the face of the Delta before long.

A NEWSPAPER coolie in the employ of Mr H. Fraser-Smith was charged at the Police Court this morning, before Mr Maclean, with stealing from a lock-safe set in Mr Smith's office a cash-box containing three gold earrings and other property, the total value of which was about \$150. Mr Smith said he left his office about a quarter past six o'clock yesterday evening and went upstairs to his room in Pedder's Hill returning, however, in about five minutes to the outer office. While there he heard a noise in his private office and walked warily towards the room. Before getting there he heard a slam as if a door had been closed, and on entering he saw accused standing at an open window, having previously heard him move across the room. Mr Smith asked the coolie what he was doing in the office, but it is not yet. While congratulating all concerned upon even this prospect thus dimly opened up, it may be noted as somewhat remarkable that the smallest and in a way the least known of the Treaty Ports should threaten to be the pioneer of the new era.

THE AMERICAN CANADIAN FISHERIES DISPUTE seems to be in a fair way to arouse more hostile feeling between the people of the Great Republic and those of Canada than any question which has agitated the two countries for many years past. This question has been the cause of violent disputes from time to time since the beginning of the century, and the present one is likely to turn out as bitter as any of its predecessors. It may help our readers to understand the matter better if we give a brief resume of the history of the dispute and the points at issue. As far back as 1813, a Convention was signed between the two countries by which the United States in consideration of the inhabitants of the States being allowed the liberty to take and cure fish on certain parts of Newfoundland and other portions of the coast of Canada, agreed to the exclusion of their fishing vessels from Canadian ports for all purposes connected with their business. This Convention was repeatedly broken by the Americans, and 'outrages' were of frequent occurrence. The Treaty of Washington was intended to settle this dispute among others, but it was left over, and the British Government finally consented to rule the Alabama claims to a Joint High Commission, on condition that the fisheries dispute should be referred to the same body. The discussion was again avoided, however, by the framing of certain 'fishery clauses,' added to the Washington Treaty, under which a temporary arrangement of the question was effected. These clauses have been denounced by the U. S. Government, and they ceased to have effect in July last, while a provisional arrangement for continuing their operation during the then current fishing season was also expired. This was how matters stood at the opening of this season. In April last an American vessel was seized for an infraction of the rules, but was afterwards released, as it was the first offence. It is the intention to have the Company re-registered at Hongkong as soon as possible, so that the necessary documents may be completed within a month. Orders are now being sent to a Hongkong lawyer to draw up a new charter-party, and the necessary documents to be registered in the name of the Canadian fishermen against whom the American fishermen believe, but all subjected to the jurisdiction of the British

Government. The works has not yet been definitely fixed, but we understand that Belcher's Bay has been suggested to that gentleman interested, and that the works may not be far from that place. This is the first attempt to start an industry of the kind in Hongkong, and certainly there should be a good market here for first-class bricks and tiles. The most of the bricks used in Hongkong have come from Canton and their quality has not been such as to permit of any high buildings being erected with a reasonable security. The Chinese bricks are soft and yielding and cannot bear a great weight upon them, whereas the company are to make a substantial article. Another boon which they will offer will be properly fired tile pipes, through which no seepage can percolate—certainly a great advantage over the present brick drains with an ooze of seepage that might contaminate the whole town.

MUCH has been said and written on the fact that Mr W. D. Spence, formerly of H. B. Consular service in Formosa, has left the employ of the British Foreign Office. Whether he has left that service for good, or has only been loaned temporarily for commercial purposes, has been discussed freely enough—with the result, as usual, that each has his own opinion on the matter, and none but the few immediately concerned know very much about it. Whatever may have been the reasons for the step, Mr Spence is now generally admitted to have entered the service of a leading China firm; and we are not very far wrong in stating that he still has the option of returning to the Consular service, if he has a mind to do so. We doubt, however, whether the credit (if any) of this step belongs to the Foreign Office. At all events, Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., whose enterprise is many-sided and far-reaching, are not likely to have secured the able services of Mr Spence in vain. We hear that a large contract for 30-ton Armstrong guns has already been settled, for the Victory of Formosa (Liu Ming-chuan), and that this contract will extend to the sum of six lakhs of dollars. Clearly it is the intention of the Chinese authorities to be ready when the next enemy approaches their Formosan ports. Much talk has also been going on about the establishment of a railway between Tsin-tau (near Tsin-min) and Kuei-lung; and it was reported to us the other day, upon fairly good authority, that Mr Spence had been successful in negotiating for the construction of that line.—*Mercury*.

SAYS THE *Shih Pao* (*The Times*) of the 25th ult. that His Ex. Wu Ching King, who, in accordance with an Imperial Decree, went to Ning Ko Ts (Wladivostok &c.), to inspect and arrange the boundaries between Russia and China, arrived at that place long ago, but a letter dated the 28th of the 3rd moon from His Ex. says that the Russian Commission had not arrived up to that date, although the Russian Government had long before been communicated with, and the time fixed.

SAYS THE *Tientin Correspondent* of the *Shanghai Mercury*:—Our German friends say that the agents of the German Syndicate have succeeded at Chefoo in getting His Ex. the Governor of Shantung and Chang Yu to interest themselves in railroads, &c.

The same correspondent gives an instance of Chinese munificence which, we think, is not often met with:—Prince Ch'en has handed Li an extra month's pay for every man he has relieved, the amount being about \$100,000.

SAYS THE *Shanghai Mercury* of the 28th ult.:—M. Kretzer, Consul-General for France at Shanghai, whose departure for Tientin has been contemplated for some weeks past, will, we hear, proceed to that port in a few days. He has been detained by the unexpected delay of Mr Ogordan's return from Korea. It is now reported that the French Minister is expected to leave Shanghai for home by the *Andrea*, which sails hence on the 5th June. Mr Kretzer will be his *locum tenens*.

PEAKERS, the most singular fact recorded in Army returns is that contained in the figures showing the nationality of the Army. Whereas Ireland used to be the greatest recruiting field, it has now come down in this respect to the level of Scotland. There are still more Irishmen than Scotchmen in the ranks, the figures being respectively for the troops at Home about 15,800 of the former to 8,300 of the latter; but almost as many recruits were raised from Scotland as from Ireland during the past year, and the Irish recruits were little more than ten per cent. of the whole supply. This is from some point of view a result as valuable as significant.

SAYS THE N.-C. D. News:—News has been received in Tientin that the young Emperor is ill, and that a celebrated doctor has been sent for, and that His Majesty is suffering from consumption. Fears are expressed, which we hope are groundless, that the tragic fate of the last Emperor will be repeated; that the Empress is too fond of power to give it up and go into retirement, as she will have to do when Kwang Siu attains his majority, and that she would not be sorry if circumstances necessitated the nomination of another child-emperor, with another long term of regency for herself. These are merely rumours, and must only be taken as what they are worth.

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presented thousands of Canadians from shipping on board of them, although this was their usual employment. The American view of the question is that the New England fishermen should be permitted to use Canadian ports in order to procure bait, tranship fish, purchase fishing outfit, and hire hands. And the Canadians are willing to accord this, and far more; but only on condition that the Americans consent to revive reciprocal trade relations on reasonable terms. This demand seems only reasonable, and we cannot wonder at the Canadians strictly enforcing the rule. At the same time it is a great pity that no definite arrangement has before this been made between the two Governments. A Joint Commission ought not to find the difficulty incapable of solution.

SIR JOHN WALSHAM, H. B. M.'s Minister for China, was to leave Shanghai for the North on Tuesday, the 1st instant.

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## A TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE!

"Murder!" The terrible word rang in my ears, and whirled through my brain, until I thought I should go raving mad from the mere horror of it. "Murder!" and a hand was laid on my shoulder, and a grave voice exclaimed, "You are my prisoner!" My heart almost stood still, my pulse momentarily ceased to beat; the mere horror of my position came to me with such appalling consciousness, that if I had actually committed the deed, I could not have shown more shrinking, horrified terror.

Let me recall the incidents of that dreadful night in the order in which they occurred—those incidents, the memory of which, even now, after the lapse of months, comes back to me with a sense of unconquerable horror and affright.

I am connected with the *Sydney Daily News* as a travelling reporter, and as part of my duties, found myself, almost at a moment's notice, despatched at a late hour of the night to one of the most important up-country towns, in order to report on a political meeting that was to be held there the next day. Directions as to the carrying-out of my task were carefully impressed on me by the Editor-in-charge, and, according to instructions, I sat out from the office in order to catch the train leaving at 10 minutes after midnight. By an awkward mishap my watch had lost five minutes, and I arrived at the station just in time to see the train I wished to catch, slowly moving away. Under these circumstances, all that was left to me was to catch the next. Consulting the time-table, I found that the next train did not leave until six next morning, but I knew if I caught that I should still have time to fulfil the important duty I had been entrusted with. How to pass the few intervening hours was the next question. My home was at Woollahra, and it was no use entertaining the idea of returning there for a few hours rest. I determined, therefore, to go to an hotel for the short time that was at my disposal. The principal hotel of the neighbourhood I found closed, and knocking failing to elicit an answer, I left it to look for another. A light streaming from a partially-closed door attracted my attention, and looking up, saw it come from a mediocre-looking public house with "Angel Hotel" painted across the front. The place did not look inviting, but the time of my arrival was short, and as I merely meant to throw myself, dressed as I was on the bed and snatched a few hours' sleep, I entered and asked if I could be provided with a bed.

The landlord, who appeared himself, answered in the affirmative, and showed me into a plainly-furnished bedroom on the first floor.

"It's a double-bedded room," he said, "and there's a gentleman in the other bed. But he's asleep and won't disturb you."

The room looked comfortable and clean, and I was tired to death, and so, impressing on the landlord the fact that I wished to be called at half-past 5 in the morning precisely, I shut the door after his retreating form, and taking off my outer garments and placing them on a chair near at hand, threw myself, half-dressed, on the bed.

I slept soundly, but woke with a start when it was only half light, my mind full of the idea that I was on the point of missing the train again. Looking at my watch, I found it was barely 5 o'clock; whilst the silence that reigned throughout the house betokened the fact that nobody was yet about. It was no use going to sleep again, and full of the idea of the importance of not missing my train a second time, I sprang out of bed and began to dress myself. On approaching the dressing-table, I saw lying on it a silver watch and chain, together with a large heap of money—some of it gold, but the greater part silver. It evidently belonged to the man in the other bed. He appeared to be still asleep, and the bedclothes seemed to be heaped somewhat strangely round him, so as almost to hide him from view.

Wondering at the carelessness that could leave so much money at the mercy of any chance person who might happen—*sudden*, as I was about to leave the room I thought, I would venture to give him a word of warning as to the chance of getting his property stolen. The coroner, who had been situated darker than the part of the room which I had occupied and which was lighted by the window, so that I could see nothing but the bare outline of the man on the bed.

Placing my hand on his shoulder, I gave him a gentle shake. He moved heavily under my hand, but without seeming to waken. Bending down in the semi-obscenity for the purpose of seeing whether he was drunk—which seemed to be the case—I saw that which caused me to utter a cry of horror and start back, terror-stricken, from the bed.

The man was dead, with his throat cut almost from ear to ear!

I was so paralysed by this terrible discovery that my blood seemed to freeze in my veins. I put my hand to my forehead with a feeling of unutterable horror, but a certain calmness in its touch caused me to hush in health by that accursed drink. I have determined to commit suicide. I have nobody to consider but you and myself, and I hope you will forgive me. When you receive this I shall be a dead man—killed by my own hand. Pray for me, and forgive my young brother.

"J. HEATON."

"I am his brother," said the man, brokenly, and this morning I received that letter."

I was free. After some legal preliminary to prove the genuineness of the letter, I was free. I lost neither position nor standing; but such an impression did the terrible circumstance make upon me that I cannot even now—after the lapse of months—think of it without the deepest dread.

A WOMAN'S SUFFERING AND GRATITUDE.

A VOICE FROM AUSTRALIA.

Near the village of Zillington, in Lower Austria, lives Maria Haas, an intelligent and industrious woman, whose story of physical suffering and final relief, as related by herself, is of interest to English women. "I was employed," she says, "in the work of a large farmhouse. Overwork brought on such headache, followed by a deadly fainting and sickness of the stomach, until finally I could not sew, and I took to my bed for the second, and, as I thought, for the last time. My friends told me that my time had nearly come, and that I could not live longer than when the tree put on their green once more. Then I happened to get one of the Seigle's pamphlets. I read it, and my dear mother brought me a bottle of Seigle's Syrup, which I took exactly according to directions, and I had not taken the whole of it before I felt a great change for the better."

"As these disjointed thoughts crowded through my mind, I rose from the chair, and hesitated between making for the front door or returning to my bed. I thought of my delicate wife and three children, dependent on me, and I decided not to go to myself, in order to quieten my conscience; that on my return to Sydney, I would go boldly to the authorities and tell all I knew of the terrible tragedy. I safely made my way to the front door, unlatched it, and stepped into the street. The fresh morning air revived me wonderfully, and with one joyful glance round, I walked

silently along the deserted street in the direction of the station.

But I had not proceeded a hundred yards when I was conscious of a hurried step behind me. In a sudden—almost puerile burst of unreasoning fear, I broke into a quicker walk, then into a run; but the hurried step behind me came nearer and nearer; and a man, rushing violently against me threw me down, and then grasped me by the collar.

"I've got you," he gasped. "Come on back with me."

With a drolliness that was born of unreasoning terror I made no answer. I forced no remark. My brain whirled with the terror and affright that the horror of my position aroused in me. Without a word I accompanied him back to the hotel.

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